

Capsule Summary  
SM-152  
Aloysius Bowling House  
Mechanicsville  
Private

Circa 1898

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 -1930.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-152  
Magi No.  
DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Aloysius Bowling House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Mechanicsville- Chaptico Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Mechanicsville ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county St. Mary's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard and Gladys Leinneweber

street & number 4760 Mechanicsville-Chaptico Rd. telephone no.: (301)884-4476

city, town Mechanicsville state and zip code Md.

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber DBK 264

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 166

city, town Leonardtown state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

☒ pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Aloysius Bowling House is located on the north side of the Mechanicsville-Chaptico Road in the village of Mechanicsville. The house stands on a slightly elevated site and is surrounded by cultivated fields. Three outbuildings stand on the north side of the house. The house faces south with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Constructed around 1898, the Bowling House is a fine example of the Queen Anne architectural style. This two-and-a-half story, frame structure is sheathed with vinyl siding and roofed with seamed metal. The house is supported by a continuous brick foundation.

The south (main) elevation of the house consists of an ell infilled with a three-story, octagonal tower which serves as the central entrance bay. A porch wraps around the tower bay to the west side of the house. The original porch supports have been replaced by metal Doric columns. The first floor of the tower is pierced by a partially glazed entrance door with a three-light transom and two-light sidelights. The first floor is also lit by two one-over-one sash windows. The second floor is lit by four two-over-two sash windows. The third floor is lit by three two-over-two sash windows crowned by a pediment infilled with decorative cut-out scroll work. The tower roof is sheathed with square butt shingles and capped by a decorative finial. To the east of the central tower is the two-and-a-half story, gable end of the ell. The first two floors of this wing consist of a projecting three-sided bay. This bay is lit on the first floor by three one-over-one sash windows and on the second floor by three two-over-one sash windows. The upper half story of the wing is sheathed with fish scale shingles and lit by one two-over-two sash window like that which lights the tower's third story.

The east elevation consists of a two-and-a-half story gable end wing with a two-story cut-away bay. The first floor consists of a projecting three-sided bay lit by one large two-over-two sash window on the east side and by two smaller one-over-one sash windows on the north and south sides. The second floor of this wing is lit by one two-over-two sash window. The upper half story is finished with cornice returns and lit by one two-over-two sash window. This gable end is supported by wood brackets in the area where the second floor bay has been cut-away. To the north of this wing extends a three-bay section of the house capped by a gable roof. The first floor of this portion of the house is pierced by a glazed entrance door and two pairs of louvered six-light windows. A porch, now enclosed with sliding glass doors, extends across the first floor. The second floor is lit by three two-over-two sash windows. Attached to the rear of the house is a two-story kitchen addition lit on the first floor by two small one-over-one sash windows. The second floor is lit by one six-over-six sash window and

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
<input type="checkbox"/> none	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Horace H. Bowling, later Senator Bowling, inherited this property from his mother sometime between 1906 and 1947. It was during Horace Bowling's ownership that the slate mantels were installed.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-152

J. Roy Guyther, Mechanicsville: the Story of our Village.  
(Mechanicsville, MD.:n.p.,1994)

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acres

Quadrangle name Mechanicsville

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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D 

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G 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Acreage surrounding the house .

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County DPZ

date December 1993

street & number

telephone (301) 475-4662

city or town Leonardtown

state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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7.1 Description

one two-over-two sash window.

The north elevation of the kitchen addition is blind except for a first floor door. A porch, enclosed with sliding glass doors and supported by a cinderblock foundation, extends across the first floor. The eave is finished with cornice returns and an interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridgeline. West of the kitchen extends the hipped roof center section of the house. This section was sheathed with brick veneer in 1990 and lit on the first floor with two pairs of compass-headed louvered windows. A hipped roof dormer projects from the roof of this wing, lit by one two-over-two sash window.

The west elevation of the kitchen wing is lit on the first floor by three one-over-one sash windows. The second floor is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows. The brick veneer, hipped roof section of the west elevation is pierced on the first floor by a modern glazed entrance door and two pairs of compass-headed louvered windows. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows. An interior brick chimney pierces the west roof slope. To the south of this central brick veneer section of the house is a two-and-a-half story gable end wing with a two-story, three-sided, cut-away bay. The first floor is lit by three one-over-one sash windows while the second floor is lit by two one-over-one and one two-over-two sash window. The upper half story is lit by one two-over-two sash window. This gable end is supported by wood brackets in the area where the second floor bay has been cut-away.

The interior of the house consists of 17 rooms, although the upper half story has never been finished. The interior retains many of its original finishes including molded door architraves with corner blocks, a decorative open stringer stair, and two slate mantels inlaid with marble. These mantels were said to be gifts to Senator Bowling from the ambassador from China.

Three outbuildings stand on the property. Directly south of the house stands a cinderblock garage roofed with seamed metal. Southwest of the house stands a frame granary roofed with corrugated metal and a gambrel roofed barn sheathed with plywood.

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St. Mary's County

### 8.1 Significance

#### Chain of Title

TO: Richard Gene Leinneweber and Gladys R. Leinneweber, his wife.

FROM: John Hunt Bowling

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber DBK 264, folio 166.

DATE: December 17, 1976.

NOTES: Transfer of 10 acre parcel.

TO: John Huntt Bowling

FROM: Eleanor G. Vallandingham

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber DBK 173, folio 364.

DATE: November 12, 1971.

NOTES: Transfer of three parcels. 1.) 5 acres of land known as "Copsey Farm."

2.) 571.447 acres 3.) Part of "Copsey Farm" being 114 acres

TO: Eleanor G. Vallandingham

FROM: John Huntt Bowling and Murna C. McFarlen, Adminastratrix of Estate of Horace Huntt Bowling, Jr.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber DBK 173, folio 362.

DATE: November 12, 1971.

NOTES: Horace H. Bowling Jr. died on November 4, 1967, leaving a will which devised 1/3 of his property to Gladys L. Carroll. This will was not probated as a caveat was filed. Gladys L. Carroll then executed a quitclaim deed on March 29, 1968 in MRB 140/298. As a result, Horace Bowling Jr.'s sole heir at law became John Huntt Bowling. Here three parcels are transferred: 1.) 5 acres of land known as "Copsey Farm." 2.) 1100 acres, now comprising three separate farms.

3.) 114 acres, being part of "Copsey farm."

TO: Horace Huntt Bowling, Jr.

FROM: Helen J. Bowling

RECORD:

DATE:

NOTES: Helen Bowling died intestate in October 1966, leaving Horace Huntt Bowling Jr. as her sole heir.

TO: Helen J. Bowling and Horace H. Bowling

FROM: M. Ethel Joy

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 19, folio 390.

DATE: February 8, 1947.

NOTES: Transfer of three parcels.



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8.2 Significance

TO: M. Ethel Joy  
FROM: Horace H. Bowling and Helen J. Bowling  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 19, folio 389.  
DATE: February 8, 1947.  
NOTES: Tranfer of three parcels. 1.) 5 acres, part of "Copsey Farm" same as JJG 5/92. 2.) 1100 acres, comprising three separate farms, same as JJG 5/420. 3.) 114 acres being part of "Copsey Farm" and the same as CBG 18/71.

TO: Horace H. Bowling  
FROM: Mary E. Bowling  
RECORD:  
DATE:  
NOTES: Horace H. Bowling, sole heir of Mary E. Bowling who died intestate, received two parcels of land. 1.) 5 acres of "Copsey Farm," same as JJG 5/92. 2.) 1100 acres, comprising three separate farms, being the same as JJG 5/420.

TO: Mary E. Bowling  
FROM: Aloysius E. Bowling  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, PHD 1, folio 207  
DATE: January 9, 1906.  
NOTES: Leaves all estate, both real and personal, to his wife.

TO: Aloysius E. Bowling  
FROM: Zachariah R. Morgan and Nellie Morgan, his wife.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record JJG 5, folio 92.  
DATE: January 24, 1898  
NOTES: Transfer of 5 acres being part of a larger tract known as "Copsey Farm."  
Price: \$250.

S. M. -152  
**BOWLING HOUSE**  
*Mechanicsville*

*Private*

This two-story frame house is a  
the late Victorian shingle style,  
regional examples.

*late 19th century*

fine Southern Maryland survival of  
of which there are very few

1901525604

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <i>Baile House</i>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Chaptico Mechanicsville Road</i>				
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Mechanicsville</i>				
STATE: <i>md.</i>		COUNTY: <i>St. Mary's</i>		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)		<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <i>Horace H. Bowling, Jr.</i>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <i>St. Mary's County Courthouse</i>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Washington Street and Courthouse Drive</i>				
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Leonardtown</i>		STATE: <i>Maryland</i>		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
Baile House is a <sup>good example of a</sup> late Victorian shingled building.	

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1890

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | lasophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA MECHANISVILLE ROAD

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
GORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>Bourne</i>	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

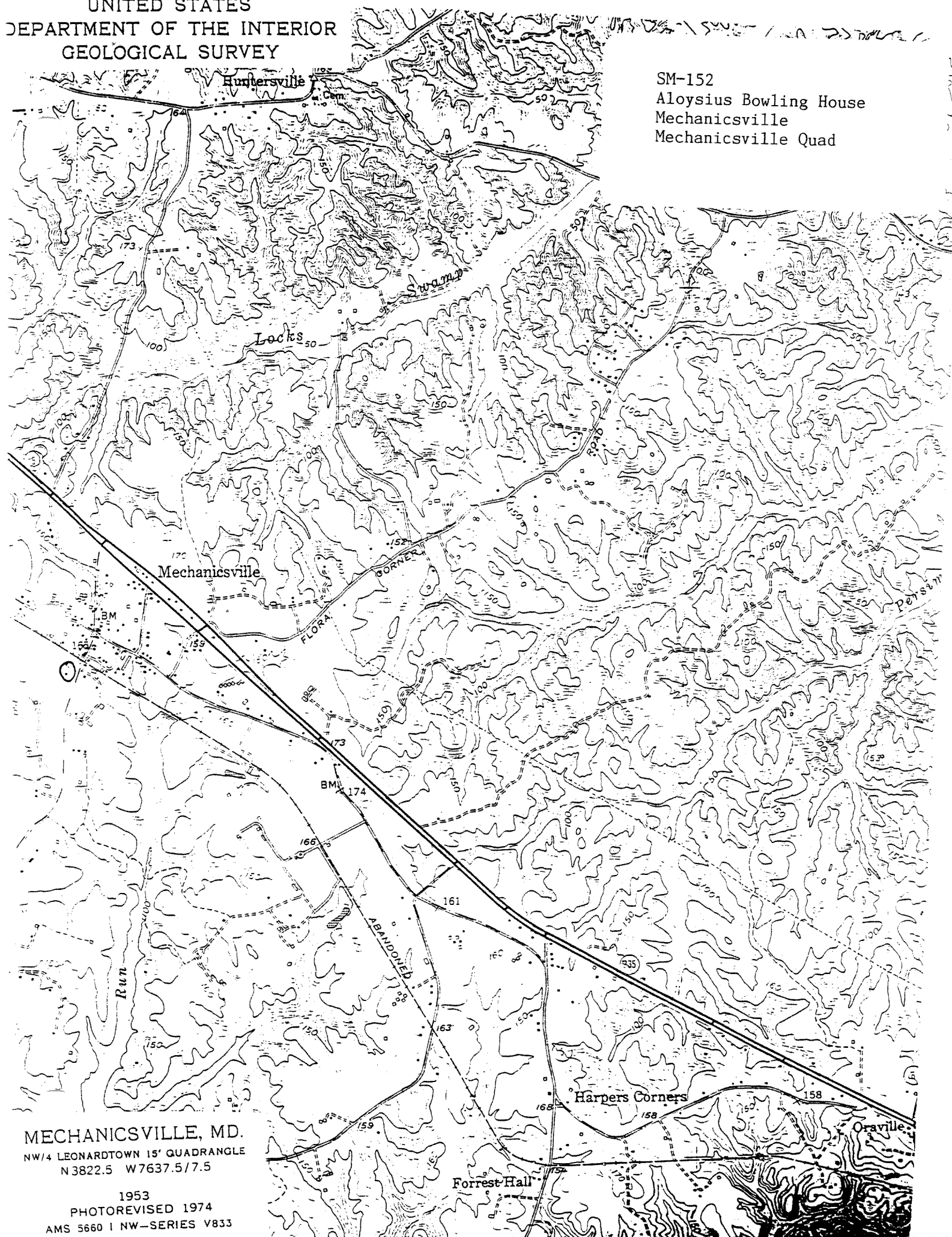
National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Mechanicsville  
Mechanicsville Quad



MECHANICSVILLE, MD.  
NW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE  
N 3822.5 W 7637.5/7.5

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